

REMARKS

The issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, are the requirement for restriction and the rejection under 35 U.S.C §102. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowability of claim 2.

Requirement for Restriction

Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1 - 10 and 19, is affirmed. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed, inasmuch as it separates, from polyamide and resin claims 1 - 10 and 19, the claims of Group III, the process for preparing such resins. It is respectfully submitted that, under M.P.E.P. §821.04, these claims should be rejoined, in view of the allowability of the claims of Group I.

It is moreover submitted that the polyamide of claim 11, whose process of preparation is claimed in claim 18, should not be restricted from the polyamides of the claims of Group I, inasmuch as a complete search for the polyamide of Group II necessarily would involve a search of the art areas for Group I. Where there is little, if any, additional burden on the Examiner to keep all the claims together in a single application, the M.P.E.P. mandates examination of the application as a whole. See M.P.E.P. §803. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

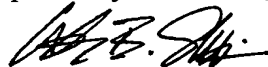
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 1, 3 - 10 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) over Ryang. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested. It is submitted that, in view of the clarifying amendments to the present claims, this rejection is moot.

The claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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